ween adult education and development programmes will be developed to promote active participation of beneficiaries in development programmes. State Governments have been advised to accord priority in establishment of Adult Education Centres in the Districts having literacy rate below national average.

Statement

(in lakhs)

Sl No.	State/UTs.	No. of illiterates*
1	2	3
1	Andhra Pradesh	102·22
2	Assam	Census not held
3	Bihar	136·30
4	Gujarat	50·53
5	Haryana	21·17
6	Himachal Pradesh	6 57
7	Jammu & Kashmir	11·69
8	Karnataka	59·11
9	Kerala	9·98
10	Madhya Pradesh	95·87
11	Maharashtra	73·52
12	Manipur	2·03
13	Meghalaya	2·29
14	Nagaland	1·06
15	Orissa	40·41
16	Punjab	25·84
17	Rajasthan	68·53
18	Sikkim	0·63
19	Tamil Nadu	63.12
20	Tripura	3·06
21	Uttar Pradesh	198·29
22	West Bengal	87·07
23	A & N Islands	0·18
24	Arunachal Pradesh	1·39
25	Chandigarh	0·43
26	Dadra and Nagar Haveli	0·22
27	Delhi	6·09
28	Goa, Daman and Diu	1·00
29	Lakshadweep	0.02
30	Mizoram	0·32
31	Pondicherry	0·57
	TOTAL	1069·51**

*Based on Census of India 1981, Part II Special Report and Tables Based on 5 per cent sample Data.

**Excludes Assam where 1981 census was not held.

Theft of paintings of Tagore

448. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of paintings of Rabindra Nath Tagore were lost from the Rabindra Bhawan; Santi Niketan;

(b) whether it is also a fact that these paintings have been recovered; and

(c) if so, who had taken them, what steps Government propose to take to prevent such occurrences in future and for the proper preservation of paintings in Santi Niketan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) to (c) Information is being collected. It will be placed on the Table of the House as soon as possible.